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For: **NETWORK MONITORING METHOD FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM, OPERATIONAL RISK EVALUATION METHOD, SERVICE BUSINESS PERFORMING METHOD, AND INSURANCE BUSINESS MANAGING METHOD**

Group: 3628

Examiner: D. Vetter

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

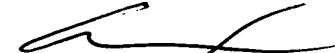
The following is in response to the January 19, 2007 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse invention Group I, claims 1-3, 7 and 8 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1-3, 7 and 8 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (843.42990X00).

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